

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Grammatical amendments have been made to Claims 1-35, which are based on translations of the original German claims, to enable these claims to read more clearly. Claim 36, written in the "use" format, is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 37-41 have been added. No new matter is added by either the claim amendments or the new claims. Claims 1-35 and 37-42 are all believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated.

The specification has also been amended to add section headings and a cross reference to the related application to which priority is claimed in the present case. No new matter is added by these amendments. Entry of the amendments to the claims and the specification is respectfully requested.

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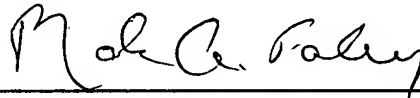


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